

## Message from the Commissioner

The NH Department of Education continues to work with the school and business communities to implement initiatives and programs focused on helping children develop the knowledge, skills, and work study practice, they need to succeed.

We are proud of all our NH schools seeking to maintain high standards and expectations, high-quality curriculum and instruction, shared leadership and empowerment, student pathways, outcomes and accountability, innovation and continuous improvement, with an emphasis on the role of social and emotional well-being in student achievement and lifelong success.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides an opportunity for states to further engage stakeholder groups including parents, educators and community members. We would like your participation in a survey that is intended to gather input from New Hampshire citizens about what they value in their education system. This is the first of two surveys that will be presented to the public and will align with a regional listening tour this fall. A link to the survey can be found at [www.education.nh.gov/essa/index.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/essa/index.htm). Stakeholder engagement is critical to our vision for public education success in the future.

Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D.

### Inside the Department

**Barbara Hopkins** has joined the Department as the Director of Science Education. She has almost 35 years of experience in education as a teacher, STEM curriculum coordinator, Associate Director of UNH's Joan and James Leitzel Center for Mathematics, Science and Engineering Education, and the founding director of the UNH IMPACT Center for Science and Mathematics Teaching. Barbara also developed the Advancing Science program as her Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Award which provided professional development to teachers in modern science instrumentation and loaned high quality instruments that could be used by students in their science classrooms. She has consulted with many school systems for their science curriculum and instruction. Her continued interests are focused on student learning opportunities and the empowerment of students doing science to learn about science! She is a member of numerous committees and associations. She is a Presidential Awardee for Secondary Science Teaching and received the Aula Laudis Award from the Northeast Section of the American Chemical Society. Most recently Ms. Hopkins was honored for her Outstanding Service to Public Education by the NH School Administrators Association. Barbara can be reached at [Barbara.Hopkins@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Barbara.Hopkins@doe.nh.gov) or (603) 271-5252.

### Meet the Superintendents

#### **Richard Langlois – SAU 95**

Richard Langlois began as superintendent of Windham on July 1, 2016. Prior to this appointment he was the superintendent of the Marlborough (MA) School District. He also spent time working for the Haverhill School District, first as executive director of personnel before moving into the role of assistant superintendent. In 2013, he served as superintendent in Saugus, MA. He's taught humanities in Manchester and Salem, and at one time served as the coordinator of programs at the Vocational

## Highlights

### NH TCAP (Teacher Candidate Assessment of Performance)

There is an exciting state-wide effort happening in New Hampshire by the 14 teacher preparation programs of the NH IHE (Institution of Higher Education) Network. The NH TCAP (Teacher Candidate Assessment of Performance) is in its second year of implementation with hundreds of student teachers across the teacher prep programs engaged in the TCAP this year. This common assessment is the result of a proactive approach to current educational trends toward accountability and increasing the rigor of teacher preparation. The NH TCAP is consistent with current national developments in educator preparation accreditation. The tasks of this common assessment include lesson planning and videoing of teacher candidates to assess their efficacy. For more information please contact Audrey Rogers, SNHU ([a.rogers@snhu.edu](mailto:a.rogers@snhu.edu)) or Tom Schram, UNH ([tom.schram@unh.edu](mailto:tom.schram@unh.edu)).

### Parent Involvement Survey

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is pleased to announce the release of the 2015-2016 Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education Executive Summary. The results have been posted at [www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special\\_ed/parent\\_involv.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special_ed/parent_involv.htm).

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### New Hampshire's 21st Century Science Standards

Public forums to learn about the direction for our new K-12 NH Science Standards are being held across the State. K-12 Teachers across New Hampshire have been working towards 21st century learning experiences for our students for many years now. The current NH Science Framework will be transformed to improve the integration of content with scientific process skills and cross-cutting themes that nurture deepened opportunities for learning by doing science. These multi-dimensional learning standards for science provide for strong conceptual learning along with the work study practices needed by critical thinkers and persistent problem solvers. We invite you to discuss the changes in science standards taking place in New Hampshire's classrooms and comment on the direction science standards should take in New Hampshire. Please join us! More information can be found at [www.education.nh.gov/instruction/curriculum/science](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/curriculum/science). The next forum is scheduled for October 17th from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Groveton High School.

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### CS4NH – Expanding K-12 Computer Science Education in New Hampshire

The NH Department of Education and University of New Hampshire (UNH) invite your school to be a part of CS4NH Launch Day, November 5th, at UNH Manchester. This event is sponsored by Google CS Education and the ECEP Alliance, and is free for all participants. The

Center in Salem.

"It's important to be part of a community that cares strongly about providing a quality education for the children, and I am very invested in making that happen," said Langlois. "There are many similarities between the opportunities in the Windham schools and those of the other districts I've served – technology, accountability of faculty and staff, fiscal responsibility, even facility construction. I'm looking forward to working with the School Board, the administration, the faculty, the staff, and the community to move the school district forward."

Superintendent Langlois started his professional experience in New Hampshire after receiving his bachelor's degree in history from the University of New Hampshire. He has a master's degree in school administration from Cambridge College; a CAGS in educational leadership, curriculum and instruction; and is certified in educational leadership by the National Institute of School Leadership.

## Special Recognition

### 2017 NH Teacher of the Year

On September 16th Commissioner of Education Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D., announced that **Tate Aldrich**, an English teacher at Laconia High School, as the 2017 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year. Mr. Aldrich is entering his eighth year of teaching, all

day includes a keynote by Pat Yongpradit, Chief Academic Officer for Code.org, workshops for teachers and administrators, and a leadership panel to discuss how to incorporate computer science and coding into the K12 curriculum. Every student should have a chance to learn about K-12 computer science to prepare for the emerging demands of the 21st century — not just to major in computer science or secure jobs as software engineers. Over 70% of all new STEM jobs are in computing, but only 8% of STEM graduates are in computer science. Less than 20% of those graduates are female. With a concerted statewide effort, we can turn these trends around in NH. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.cs4nh.org](http://www.cs4nh.org).

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### **NH Educators' Summit on Opiate Use: The impact on Student Learning**

*The NH Educators' Summit on Opiate Use* offers a statewide opportunity for educators to engage with efforts to minimize the impact of New Hampshire's opiate abuse crisis on student learning. Attendees will look closer at the NH experiences in addressing opiate abuse as it affects learning. They will hear about the efforts of some New Hampshire school districts to respond to the crisis. The afternoon will include time to identify regional resources and develop specific strategies to respond to the crisis in schools, districts, and regions. School districts are encouraged to send teams to one of the days to promote effective and lasting team building and planning. There will be two events taking place; the first at Loon Mountain on November 16th and the second at SERESC on November 17th. For more information or to register go to <https://www.smores.com/dt4aw>.

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## **Technical Assistance Advisories**

### **School Employee and Designated School Volunteer Criminal History Records Checks**

This addendum is issued as a supplement to the Technical Advisory regarding school employee and designated school volunteer criminal history records checks. This advisory as well as previous advisories can be found on the Department's website at [www.education.nh.gov/standards/tech\\_advisories.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/standards/tech_advisories.htm).

### **Reporting Requirements of Instances of Child Restraint and Seclusion**

The Department has issued a technical advisory pertaining to Reporting Requirements of Instances of Child Restraint and Seclusion. This advisory as well as previous advisories can be found on the Department's Web site at [www.education.nh.gov/standards/tech\\_advisories.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/standards/tech_advisories.htm).

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of them have been at Laconia High School. The selection committee recognized his ability to connect with students and help them achieve at high levels. He knows where his students are and how far he can push them. He also holds himself to a higher standard. Tate is also a dedicated teacher leader in his work with colleagues. He is involved in and out of the classroom. Most recently by the coordination of the spelling bee with Got Lunch! and joining "Stand Up Laconia." The Spelling Bee's goal was not to simply celebrate the successes of our young learners but to provide a context for those successes.

His philosophy of teaching is that all students have the capacity to think critically about their world and the ability to access the humanity of others; therefore, it is the responsibility of their teachers to invest themselves in establishing relationships, which develop both the students' minds and hearts.

Tate wrote in his application, "My greatest accomplishment as an educational leader at Laconia High School is also my department's greatest accomplishment: achieving presence. Our hard work – along with our partnerships...has provided us a platform, from which we can continue to contribute and inspire another generation to contribute, as well."

## Dates to Remember

### Data Collections Due by Monday, October 17th

The following reports should be entered into the Education Statistics System (using the myNHDOE Single Sign-On) certified by the superintendent.

- **Class and Staffing Form (A 12B)** - This report needs to be certified on-line, signed by the superintendent, scanned, and e-mailed to: [i4see.Help@doe.nh.gov](mailto:i4see.Help@doe.nh.gov)
- **Central Office Personnel (A 12D)** – This report is no longer required from Charter Schools
- **Teacher Attainment and Average Salary (A 12F)**

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### ESOL Fall Student Roster Certification (2016-2017)

The New Hampshire Department of Education fall 2016-17 ESOL roster certification will be open until Monday, October 17, 2016. All districts must certify their ESOL rosters in the fall and spring. Rosters can only be certified by the superintendent, and all districts must certify the ESOL rosters even if there are no ESOL students in the district at this time.

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